

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



2021 Grant Cycle #1 Awards Program

Thursday, June 17 at 4:00 PM
Fusion 54, Downtown Crawfordsville



WELCOME!

Montgomery County Community Foundation is pleased to announce awards for the first grant cycle of 2021. Eight awards are being made totalling \$178,414. MCCF manages over 200 endowed funds, each established by donors who desire to make Montgomery County a better place to live, work, and play.

The following grants were made possible by the Community Fund, the Irwin Lee Detchon Fund, and the Faye O. and Anna Winter Schenck Fund.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County - \$31,500 Funds will be used to purchase a new vehicle suitable for transporting animals in all kinds of weather, along with new building security equipment.

Crawfordsville Main Street - \$31,750 - Community Wayfinding – Signs of Recovery and Welcome project. The sign's design is inspired by the architecture found in the city's Commercial Historic District, which also reflects the character of Montgomery County's outlying towns. When completed, a strategically placed sign family guides both vehicular and pedestrian traffic to cultural, historic, tourism information, and parking destinations.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Fuzzy Bear Preschool and Daycare, \$34,050 - The funds will be used to improve airflow through the building; windows and doors will be added and/or modified. They will level the sloped sanctuary floor to make the space more useful. The facility serves children from age 6 weeks to 12 years and is located in Ladoga.

Rainbows & Rhymes Preschool, \$18,760 - The funds will help shore up the budget against lost tuition during the pandemic. The preschool, housed in the First United Methodist Church, was one of two partners in MCCF's Child Care Deserts Grant received from Early Learning Indiana in 2019 and now offers all-day care for preschool age students and has a capacity of 56 seats.

Hand in Hand Creative Learning, \$7,469 - HHCL which is housed at First Christian Church, was a MCCF Child Care Deserts Grant partner and established 23 early childhood seats for infants to preschool aged children. The funds will be used for playground improvements to include infant/toddler swings and a double paint panel (allows for outdoor art activities), needed to provide physical activity, important for physical and mental health as well as social and cognitive development.

EDUCATION

New Market Elementary PTO/South Montgomery School Corporation, \$40,000 An outdoor space that combines traditional outdoor fun with experiential learning in the areas of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering,

Arts and Math) is being created at New Market Elementary School, led by the school's PTO. This grant leverages the aggressive fundraising of the PTO, a school corporation contribution, and in-kind donations by local businesses.

HUMAN SERVICES

Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, \$5,000 - This will cover the cost of Trust Based Relational Interventions training for two clinicians. The information and skills learned will be integrated into services and community educational programs for traumatized youth.

HEALTH

North Montgomery School Corporation, \$9,885 - This will support the corporation's Student Health & Welfare Fund, a fund that addresses the health needs of students who might otherwise not have access to it. School nurses and counselors typically are the ones to identify student needs and coordinate medical care, medications, vision and dental needs, mental health, etc.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY UNITED FUND EMERGENCY RELIEF INITIATIVE GRANTS, \$60,000

Montgomery County United Fund, in partnership with United Way of Greater Lafayette, is pleased to announce the first round of 2021 COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative grants. The grant was made possible by funding Indiana United Ways received from Lilly Endowment Inc. The grant will be used to support our community in meeting basic human needs brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County (\$15,000) – Funds will be used to support the Indiana Kids Program, an educational enrichment program in math & reading. Due to Covid-19, students have 10 months of learning loss in these areas. This program is equipped to get kids back on track.

Salvation Army of Montgomery County (\$15,000) – Funds will be used to support the Emergency Assistance Program, which provides financial assistance for struggling and disadvantaged residents of Montgomery County who have urgent needs for help with basic necessities such as food, housing (rent/lodging/mortgage), utility bills, medical/prescription needs, and essential transportation. Request for emergency help with basic needs increased 35% due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Youth Service Bureau of Montgomery County (\$30,000) – Funds will be used to support the CASA, JUMP Mentoring, and Alternative School. With increased strain on the educational and mental health needs of our youth during the Covid-19 pandemic, these programs are vital in continuing to provide access to educational opportunities, relationships essential to good mental health and assurance of safe and permanent housing.



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